

1 IN THE CLAIMS

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3 --1. - 25. (Cancelled)

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5 26. (Currently amended) An apparatus for applying eyeliner to the lashbed of the eyelids, said
6 apparatus comprising:

7 a handle having a grip end and an attachment end;

8 a ferrule having a first end and a second end; and

9 a tuft of bristles, said bristles forming a root end and a tip end of said tuft;

10 wherein said ferrule secures said handle to said root end of said tuft;

11 wherein said first end of said ferrule is attached to said attachment end;

12 wherein said root end is attached at said second end of said ferrule;

13 wherein said tuft has a pre-determined cross-section defined by a width and a thickness; [and]

14 wherein said bristles are aligned such that said bristles in a direction along said width form a
15 generally curved shape, such that said tuft at said tip end is arcuately shaped, and said thickness is
16 substantially uniform along said arcuate shape; and

17 wherein said apparatus is used in a method for applying cosmetic to the lashbed of the eyelids,
18 said method comprising the steps of:

19 applying cosmetic to said tip end of said tuft;

20 firmly positioning said tip end sequentially on a plurality of locations on said lashbed such

21 that said generally curved shape of said tip end meets the skin of said lashbed; and

1 moving said tip end in a side-to-side motion on each said location such that said cosmetic is
2 applied to said lashbed between, above and/or below individual lashes at said location.

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4 27. (New) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said plurality of bristles have substantially
5 the same lengths.

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7 28. (New) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said width is greater than or equal to
8 twice said thickness.

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10 29. (New) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said predetermined cross-section is semi-
11 elliptical.

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13 30. (New) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said handle is tapered.

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15 31. (New) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said handle is constructed from a metal.

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17 32. (New) An apparatus according to claim 31, wherein said metal is selected from the group
18 consisting of aluminum, steel, tin, and an alloy of tin.

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20 33. (New) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said handle is constructed from wood.

- 1 34. (New) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said handle is constructed from plastic.
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- 3 35. (New) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said handle is constructed from bamboo.
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- 5 36. (New) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said ferrule is constructed from a metal.
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- 7 37. (New) An apparatus according to claim 36, wherein said metal is selected from the group
- 8 consisting of tin, steel, aluminum and an alloy of tin.
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- 10 38. (New) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said ferrule is constructed from plastic.
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- 12 39. (New) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein said bristles comprise fibrous strands.
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- 14 40. (New) An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said fibrous strands comprise synthetic
- 15 nylon.
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- 17 41. (New) An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said fibrous strands comprise hair.
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- 19 42. (New) An apparatus according to claim 39, wherein said fibrous strands comprise hair and
- 20 synthetic nylon.--
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